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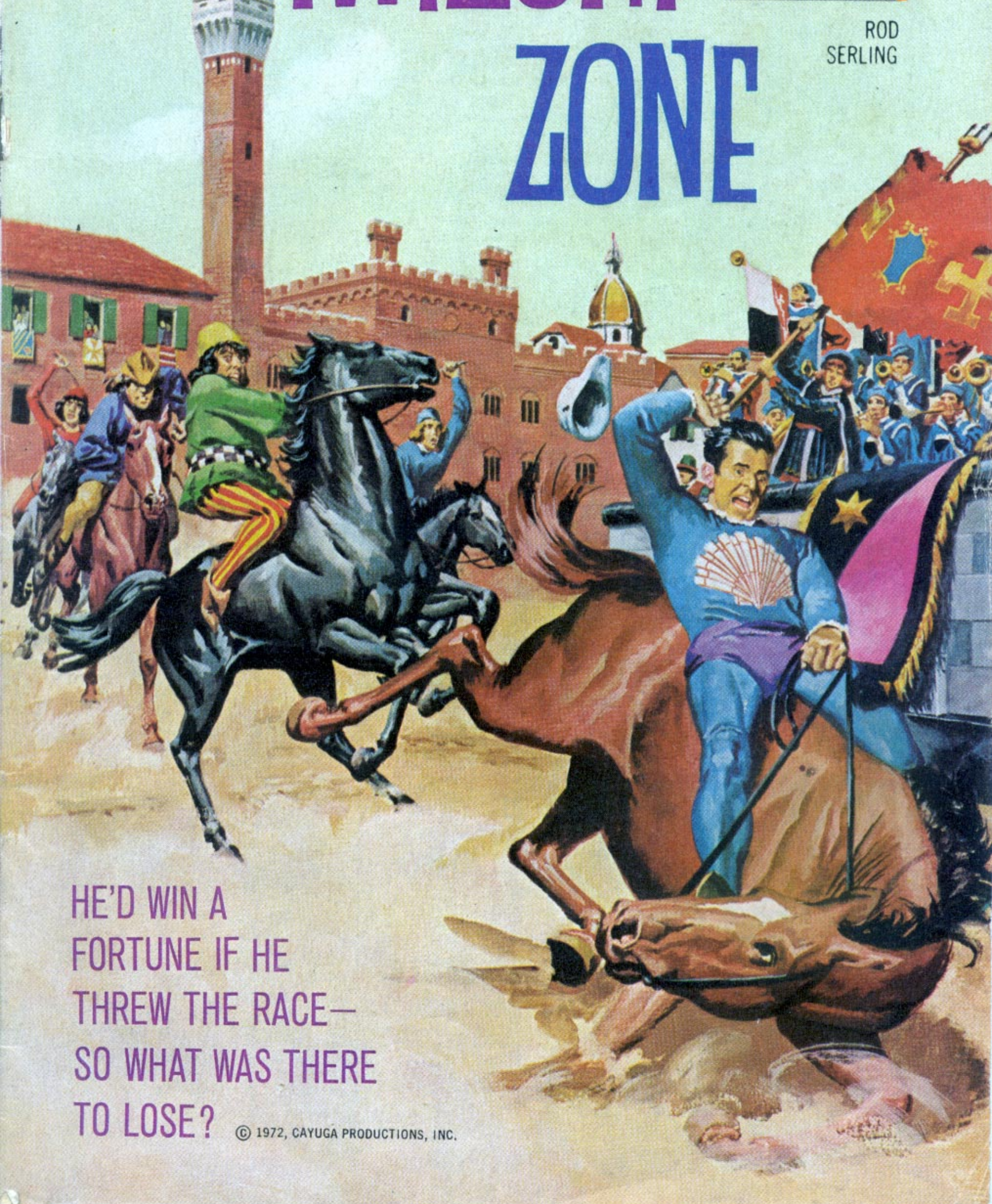

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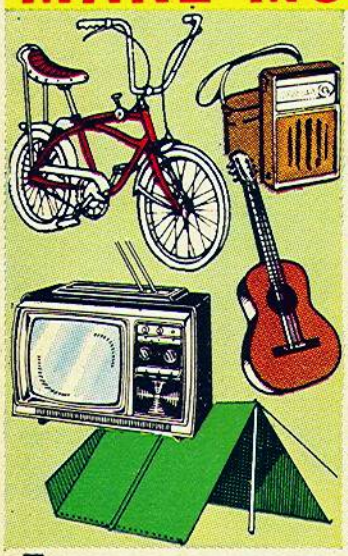

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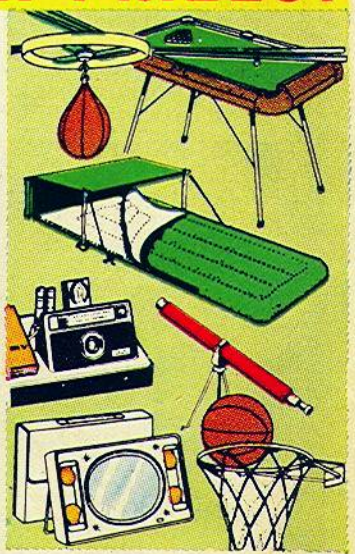

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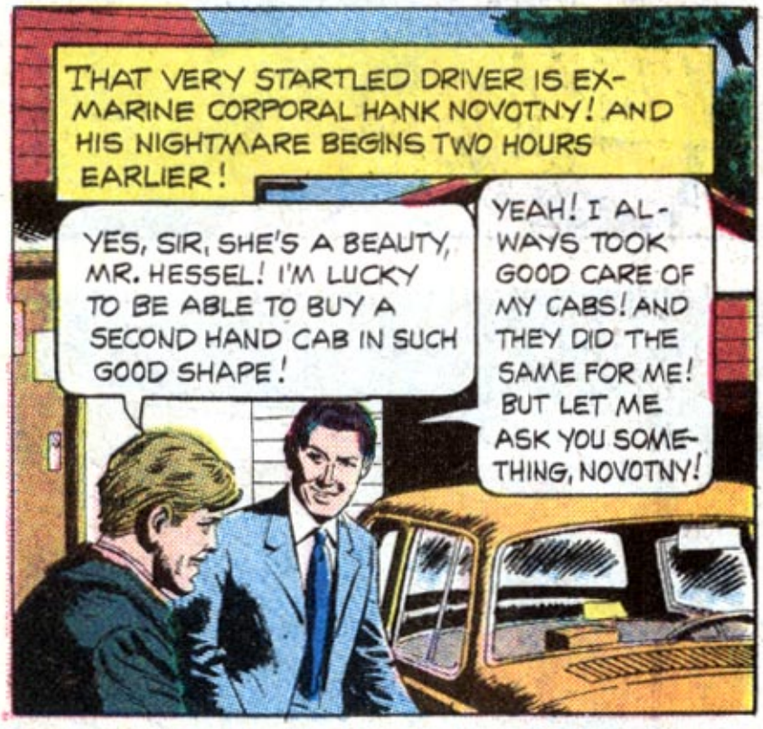

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I UNDERSTAND! WELL, YOU'VE GOT A GREAT DAY FOR IT! GOOD LUCK, SON!

THANKS, MR. HESSEL! IF YOU GET LONELY, YOU CAN COME AROUND AND LOOK AT THE CAB ANYTIME! HA-HA-HA!

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DARN! I DROPPED MY LIPSTICK! NOW WHERE DID IT ROLL TO?

I'D HELP YOU SEARCH, ONLY YOU WANT ME TO MAKE TIME!

BUT HELP DOES COME---FROM A FAR STRANGER SOURCE!

HERE IT IS, CHARMING LADY!

HEY, WHAT'S WRONG? I NEVER HEARD SUCH A SCREAM!

TAXI

NEVER MIND! LET ME OUT OF HERE! I DON'T CARE IF I NEVER CATCH THAT PLANE! JUST LET ME OUT OF THIS CAB!

WHAT KIND OF A NUT WAS SHE? WHY ALL THAT NOISE ABOUT LOSING A LIP-STICK! GOOD THING SHE DIDN'T DROP HER POWDERPUFF!

FORGET IT! HERE'S ANOTHER FARE! LOOKS LIKE A GOOD TIPPER, TOO!

THE PHIPPS BUILDING! AND NO CONVER-SATION, PLEASE! I'VE GOT SOME PAPERS I WANT TO STUDY!

SO WHO ASKED HIM TO TALK? HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A GREAT CONVERSATIONAL--

HEY! HIS PAPERS! THEY'RE FLOATING RIGHT UP OUT OF HIS CASE!

EYYAGGH!

INTERESTING READING? LET'S SPREAD THEM OUT A LITTLE!

INSTANTLY, HANK SLAMS THE BRAKES AND DASHES OUT IN PURSUIT OF THE PAPERS....

I GOT 'EM ALL, SIR! HARDLY EVEN CRUSHED! NOW FOR THE PHIPPS BUILDING!

ARE YOU CRAZY? I WOULDN'T RIDE IN THIS CAB AGAIN FOR A MILLION DOLLARS! NO--*FIVE* MILLION!

TAXI

DON'T BLAME HIM! I SAW WHAT HAPPENED THIS TIME! AND I THINK I HEARD SOME KIND OF VOICE! WHAT'S GOING ON BACK HERE?

THEN, AS SOMETHING CATCHES HIS EYE, HANK REMOVES A POCKETKNIFE AND....

OH-OH! THIS THING IS GETTING HAIRIER BY THE MINUTE! THAT GUY HESSEL HAS A LOT OF EXPLAINING TO DO!

HAUNTED? YOU'RE KIDDING? A BIG BOY LIKE YOU---A MARINE WITH MEDALS--AND YOU BELIEVE IN---

--OKAY, HESSEL! FORGET THE GHOST STORY! JUST TELL ME HOW THIS SLUG FROM A .38 BURIED ITSELF IN YOUR CAB!

OH--UHHHH! THAT! YES, SOME GAMBLER NAMED HARRY TILTON WAS SHOT IN MY CAB! I NEVER SAW THE GUY WHO DID IT! THE COPS MUST HAVE MISSED THAT SLUG WHEN THEY SEARCHED!

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ALMOST WITHOUT THINKING, HANK FINDS HIMSELF DRIVING TO A DESERTED SPOT WHERE....

LISTEN--MR. TILTON--MR. GHOST--WHOEVER YOU ARE! I HAVE TO TALK WITH YOU! I SPENT THIRTY-TWO HUNDRED BUCKS ON THIS CAB! EVERY CENT I OWN!

I GOT TO MAKE A LIVING HACKING! ONLY I CAN'T! NOT WITH A HAUNTED CAB! I FIGURE YOU'RE A RIGHT GUY--MAYBE! GIVE ME A BREAK! SAY SOMETHING!

I'M SORRY, HANK!

YOU SPOKE! YOU'RE THERE! THEN LET ME SEE YOU! AND TELL ME WHAT I GOT TO DO TO GET YOU OFF MY BACK! PLEASE!

HERE I AM, HANK! I'M LOOKING FOR LOU NORDYKE, THE MAN WHO KILLED ME BECAUSE HE OWED ME SO MUCH MONEY!

SO GO FIND HIM! HAUNT HIM....ONLY LEAVE MY CAB ALONE!

I CAN'T, HARRY! I'M DOOMED TO REMAIN INSIDE YOUR CAB -- THE PLACE I WAS KILLED--UNTIL I CAN FACE HIM!

YOU'RE JUST WAITING FOR ME TO PICK HIM UP SOME DAY? WHEN--HOW MANY YEARS FROM NOW? MEANWHILE I GO BROKE!

WE COULD SPEED THINGS UP! NORDYKE HANGS OUT AROUND BLEEKER AND THIRD STREET!

FINE! I'LL CRUISE THERE EVERY DAY TILL I PICK HIM UP FOR YOU! BUT TWO THINGS! FIRST, NO ROUGH STUFF! I DON'T WANT **TWO** GHOSTS ON MY HANDS!

AGREED! AND THE OTHER PROVISION?

YOU KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT! NO TALKING TO PASSENGERS OR TOSSING PAPERS AND LIPSTICKS ARDUND! NOW LET'S GO FIND YOUR MAN!

DAY AFTER DAY THE STRANGE DUO CRUISES THE STREETS....

NO, THAT'S NOT THE ONE!

NOT HIM EITHER!

TRY AGAIN!

TWO WEEKS AND STILL NO LUCK! HERE COMES ANOTHER! VERY UPSTANDING CITIZEN! HE'S SURE NO LOU NORDYKE!

THEN, AS MR. UPSTANDING CITIZEN ENTERS THE CAB....

AHHHH! AUTOMATIC DOORLOCKS, EH DRIVER? VERY THOUGHTFUL!

HUHHH? THERE'S NO AUTOMATIC LOCKS HERE!

CLICK!

NO, LOU! I LOCKED THE DOOR! DIDN'T WANT YOU TO LEAVE UNTIL WE'D HAD A FEW WORDS TOGETHER!

WH-A-A-A-? NO! IT CAN'T BE!

WHO ELSE WOULD IT BE, PAL? DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE THE CAB? IT'S WHERE YOU LOOKED ME RIGHT IN THESE EYES--AND SHOT ME!

NO! NO! GO AWAY! DRIVER--MAKE IT GO AWAY!

MAKE WHAT GO AWAY, BUDDY? I DON'T SEE ANYTHING!

DON'T BE SO FRIGHTENED, LOU! I'M NOT GOING TO TOUCH YOU! I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW--I'M WAITING! WAITING FOR **YOU**, DEAR BUDDY!

LET ME OUT OF HERE! I DON'T WANT TO LOOK AT HIM ANYMORE! I CAN'T STAND IT!

BLAM!

BLAM!

BLAM!

RELAX, LOU! DIDN'T YOU HEAR THE DRIVER? THERE'S NOBODY HERE BUT YOU!

SUDDENLY, THE CLAWING AND SCREAMING NORDYKE LEAPS FOR THE WHEEL!

STOP THE CAB! LET ME AT THAT WHEEL! I'LL STOP IT IF YOU WON'T!

HEY, LET GO! YOU IDIOT! YOU'LL KILL US BOTH!

KARRRASH!

OKAY, GHOST, YOU GOT WHAT YOU WANTED! YOU DIDN'T TOUCH HIM--LIKE YOU PROMISED! BUT YOU SCARED HIM INTO DOING THE JOB HIMSELF!

TCH-TCH! WHAT A NASTY THING TO ACCUSE ME OF! EVEN IF IT *IS* TRUE!

HOORAY FOR YOU! ONLY I JUST LOST EVERY PENNY I HAD IN THE WORLD!

NOT AT ALL! THERE'S $20,000 WAITING IN BOX 195-B, RAILROAD TERMINAL LOCKERS! THE KEY IS STILL UNDER MY OFFICE DOORMAT! LOOK ME UP IN THE PHONEBOOK! HA-HA!

YOU GET IT NOW, HANK NOVOTNY? IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A HAUNTED HOUSE OR ANCIENT RUIN! EVEN THE BACKSEAT OF A TAXICAB CAN BE ONE MAN'S--TWILIGHT ZONE!

THE END

Torture Revisited

We will call her Miss Susan. She is too old to be bothered by strangers asking questions about this bizarre story she allowed me to tell only after my promise not to reveal her name or location.

Miss Susan owns a country antique shop in New England. Outside, to beckon people inside, stand old wooden stocks used for punishment in Colonial days. These stocks are Miss Susan's most special pieces and are not for sale; she knows their unhappy history handed down the years in her family.

In the mid 1600's, Constable Niles Slattery sadistically tortured prisoners in the stocks far longer than their due. It is documented that Slattery kept several victims without food and drink until they died. One was a kinsman of Miss Susan's.

Three hundred years later, on June 6, 1967, there arrived on foot in front of her shop an ageing hippie in hippie clothes with a hippie name—Zodiac. He stood staring, then walked rapidly to the stocks, touching the weathered wood almost tenderly. At this point, Miss Susan appeared.

"I dig this crazy thing," he said. "How much, old lady?"

"It is not for sale."

"I want it," he said roughly. "It's got good vibes for me. I want it!"

"It is not for sale," she said again. Miss Susan did not like this shaggy man with chilling steel eyes.

He demanded then to be shown how to get into the stocks. "To see how it feels—my arms, legs, head hanging from holes."

Impossible. Miss Susan explained that the iron hinges were so old and rusted they would not open, were so strangely stubborn they resisted even the prying of a crowbar.

Zodiac cursed, spewing words Miss Susan had never heard before. He shouted with fury, "I'll pay any price you ask!"

"It is not for sale."

Hate in his eyes, he went away then. With relief she saw him go. She did not see him return. He came late that night while she slept in a room behind the shop. Nor did she hear the engine of his pickup truck brought to cart away the stocks. Thunder of a pending storm covered the sound. She was wakened later by heavy rain and hurried to close the shop windows lest her beloved antiques be drenched. As she tugged at a front window, a flash of lightning revealed something incredible under the big oak tree. The man Zodiac was imprisoned in the stocks!

How had he got there, opened the clamped hinges, and why did he stay in the torrential rain?

The next morning only one question was answered: He stayed because he was dead, struck by lightning—his head, arms, legs, as he had wished, hanging from the wooden holes. There was no answer to how he got there—the hinges were still rusted tight. At least no answer to satisfy the police. But Miss Susan was satisfied as soon as they found identification on the person called Zodiac. His real name —*Guy Slattery*.

Knowing she would not be believed, she did not tell the police of another policeman, Constable Niles Slattery who, she was certain, had Guy Slattery's same steel eyes, same vicious manner and, she remembered, had been struck dead by lightning three hundred years ago to the day on June 6, 1667.

THE POSSIBLE DREAM

THE RECURRING DREAM OF JOHN GARVEY FIRST CAME TO HIM WHILE HE WAS A YOUNG DRAFTEE...

... PAST THE COTTAGES... ACROSS THE STONE BRIDGE... LOOK AT THE RIVER BELOW...

HEY, JOHNNY, WAKE UP! YOU'RE NOT TALKING IN YOUR SLEEP -- YOU'RE SCREAMING!

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WOW! I'VE NEVER HAD A DREAM LIKE THAT BEFORE! IT WAS REAL AS *LIFE*, HANK!

"I WAS DRIVING DOWN THIS MISTY ROAD! I THINK IT WAS IN IRELAND, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHY..."

"THERE WERE THATCH-ROOF COTTAGES, A WINDING RIVER AND AN OLD STONE BRIDGE..."

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THERE WAS A TURN IN THE ROAD NEAR A ROSE-COVERED HILL BEAUTIFUL! THEN THE DREAM *ENDED!*

MUST HAVE BEEN SOME VILLAGE IN THE OLD COUNTRY THAT YOUR *DAD* DESCRIBED TO YOU!

FINE--EXCEPT THAT MY FATHER WAS BORN *HERE* AND SO WAS HIS! NOBODY IN OUR FAMILY HAS BEEN IN IRELAND FOR A HUNDRED YEARS!

ALL RIGHT, MEN! GRAB YOUR SOCKS AND HIT THE ROCKS!

THE DREAM STAYED WITH HIM AFTER GARVEY MARRIED...

FORGET IT, HONEY ...IT'S A *HAPPY* DREAM! IT'S LIKE I'M COMING HOME OR SOMETHING!

YOU WERE SO EXCITED, JOHN! THE WAY YOU CRIED OUT FRIGHTENED ME!

JOHN, I'VE BEEN THINKING...WHY DON'T WE FIND OUT WHAT LIES BEHIND THAT HILL OF ROSES?

GO HUNTING FOR MY DREAM VILLAGE? WE COULD TRY! WHEN WE CAN PUT ENOUGH MONEY AND VACATION TIME TOGETHER...

A YEAR LATER AT A POLICE PRECINCT IN DUBLIN...

IT'S AN INTRIGUING STORY, MR. GARVEY! AND I'D LIKE THE CHALLENGE OF HUNTING FOR THAT VILLAGE!

THAT LIGHT-HOUSE MEANS THAT...

...IT'S NEAR A COAST! THEN THERE'S THE STONE BRIDGE...

IF I'D A PENNY FOR EVERY STONE BRIDGE IN IRELAND I'D BE THE KING OF CONNAUGHT! BUT WE'LL LOOK FOR A COASTAL VILLAGE WITH A RIVER AND SHEEP!

THANKS, CONSTABLE O'CONNOR!

THE CLUES LED TO THREE VILLAGES, BUT THE FIRST TWO PROVED FALSE...

TICKNOCK...WHAT A MUSICAL NAME...

...AND MY *LAST* HOPE! WE'LL BED DOWN AT A LOCAL INN AND GET A FRESH START ON FINDING THAT ROAD IN THE MORNING!

IT'S SO CHARMING, JOHN! I *HOPE* THIS IS THE PLACE!

SOMETHING TELLS ME IT *IS*, PAT! THE GRASS, THE TREES, THE HILLS -- THEY ALL SEEM TO BE WELCOMING ME! I DON'T THINK I'LL SLEEP MUCH!

BY DAWN, THE RESTLESS GARVEY COULD RESTRAIN HIMSELF NO LONGER...

I'VE GOT TO FIND THAT ROAD--*NOW!* I'LL LET HER SLEEP, THOUGH! WE CAN DRIVE IT TOGETHER AGAIN!

YES... IT'S STARTING TO LOOK LIKE THE ROAD IN MY DREAMS! BUT WHERE'S THE RIVER?... COME ON, RIVER--*BE THERE!*

THAT'S IT! THE SAME RIVER AND BRIDGE! I'LL BET MY SHIRT ON IT! BUT I'LL KNOW FOR SURE IN A MINUTE!

THEN ACROSS THE BRIDGE AND PAST THE NEXT RISE . . .

THE LIGHTHOUSE! THE SAME ONE! I'D KNOW THAT SPOT *ANYWHERE!* THEN THAT SHOULD BRING ME TO . . .

. . . THE SHEEP! AND I'M A MINUTE AHEAD OF THE DREAM, BY GOLLY! I'M NOT *WAITING* FOR THEM TO CROSS THE ROAD, THOUGH! I'VE GOT TO GET TO THE ROSE HILL!

FASTER AND FASTER, HE HURTLES TOWARD THE UNKNOWN...

THE ROSES! AND NOW FOR END OF THE MYSTERY! THE VIEW FROM BEYOND THAT TURN IN THE ROAD! THE PROMISE THAT THE DREAM ALWAYS DENIED ME!

FOOT TO THE FLOOR, GARVEY TAKES THE TURN, EXCITEDLY SEEKING THE MYSTERY AHEAD...

SCREEEEEEEEEEE!

CRASH!

. . . AND AROUND THAT MIST-SHROUDED CURVE, JOHN GARVEY FOUND THE STRANGE DESTINY THAT HAD CALLED THROUGH TIME AND SPACE!

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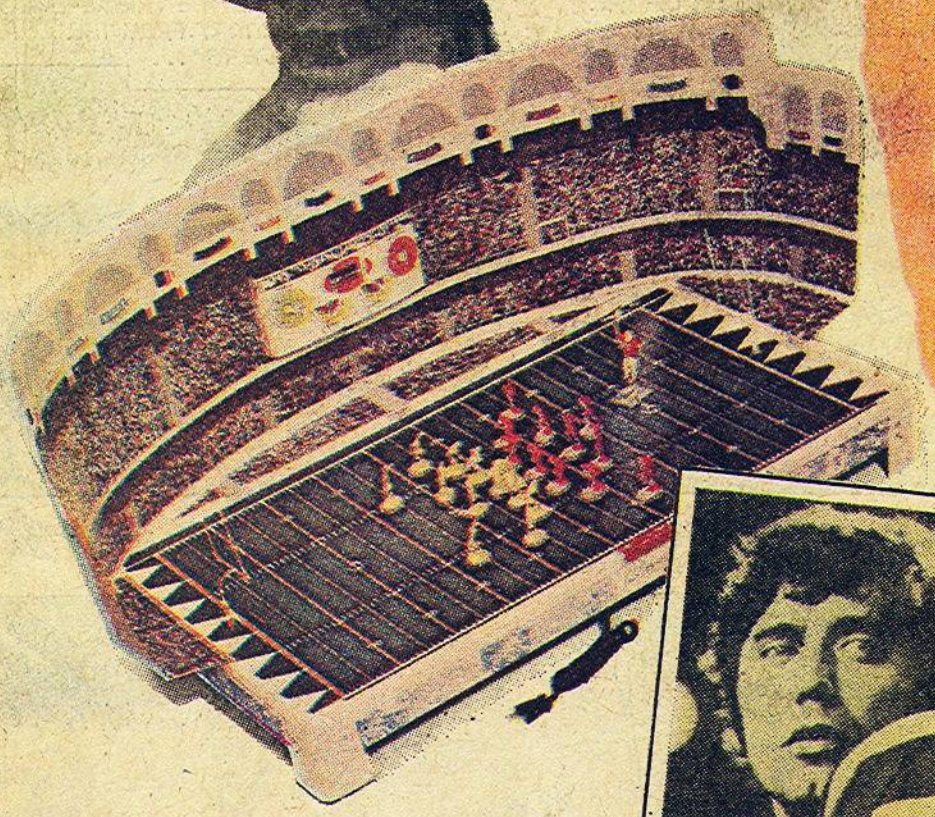

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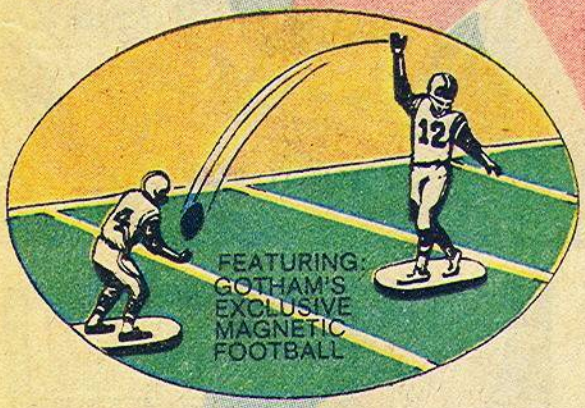

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BLAST YOU, YOU IDIOT! CAN'T YOU TELL RED FROM GREEN?

YAHHH! OUTTA THE WAY, CREEP!

MOVE IT, BUDDY!

CRUMMY PEDESTRIANS! YOU THINK YOU OWN THE WHOLE STREET!

C'MON! MOVE... MOVE!

TOOT

TOOOT

HONK HONK

SCREECH!

HURRY, NANCY!

OH!

HA HA HA!

SOMETIMES I WONDER IF IT'S WORTH IT!

I *KNOW*. IT'S NOT! THE WHOLE WORLD IS INSANE! I'D BE THE FIRST MAN OUT OF HERE, BUT THERE IS *NO* PLACE TO GO!

WELL, *WE'VE* GOT SOMEPLACE TO GO! COME ON, DARLING, HURRY!

DON'T YOU SEE THE INSANITY OF IT ALL?

WE'RE RUNNING LIKE IDIOTS TO HEAR GAYA TELL US HOW TO FIND INNER PEACE!

I KNOW, TREVOR, BUT IT'S THE WORLD, NOT US!

LECTURE TONIGHT

SIDDHARTHA RAMA GAYA ON *The Way to Inner Peace*

HMM... SMALL CROWD, ISN'T IT?

IT'S A PITY! HARDLY ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN ANYTHING BUT MATERIAL THINGS!

HURRY, HONEY! HERE'S SID-DHARTHA RAMA GAYA!

YOU SEE, EVEN *WE* DO IT! HURRY THIS... HURRY THAT...

...IF ONLY THERE WERE SOME WAY OUT!

SHHHHH!

PEACE, MY FRIENDS!

MY FRIENDS, YOU ARE HERE BECAUSE YOU SEEK THE WAY TO INNER PEACE!

WHERE DID THAT ROPE COME FROM?

MAYBE IT WAS UNDER HIS ROBE!

SHHH!

THE *MIND* IS THE WAY, MY FRIENDS! THE MIND HAS POWER OVER *ALL* WORDLY PROBLEMS! BUT FIRST YOU MUST *TRUST* THE POWER OF THE MIND!

I WILL SHOW YOU THE POWER OF THE MIND!

IT'S GOING UP!

SHHH!

IT'S A *TRICK!* IT'S GOT TO BE!

HYPNOSIS! I'VE HEARD OF IT... MASS HYPNOSIS!

SOMEBODY PULLED IT UP ON A THREAD!

I KNOW THAT DOUBT EXISTS, FOR WE ARE ALL ONLY HUMAN! BUT I WILL ASK ONE OF YOU TO ASSIST ME! I WILL SHOW THAT *MIND ALONE* SUPPORTS THIS ORDINARY ROPE! SIR...?

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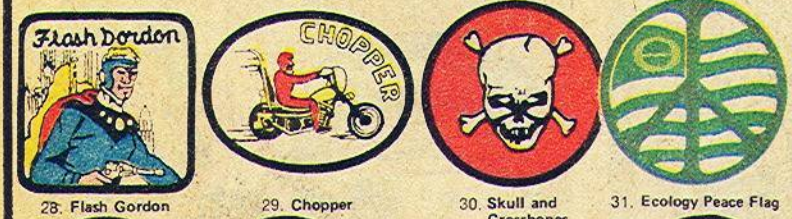

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CLIMB? ... YES, I WILL!

I WILL! I WILL CLIMB THIS ROPE! I *KNOW* IT CAN BE DONE!

GREAT HEAVEN!

H-HE... DISAPPEARED!

IT'S MASS HYPNOSIS!... NOW I KNOW FOR SURE!

NO, IT'S DONE WITH LIGHTS AND MIRRORS!

DO NOT BE AFRAID, MY FRIEND! ... YOU HAVE EYES TO SEE! USE THEM!

GREAT SCOTT! IT'S *REAL!*

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I--I'M *NOT* DREAMING! I--I CAN SMELL...FEEL ... THIS IS REAL!

TREVOR! OH, DARLING! ... YOU WERE GONE SO LONG!

LONG? BUT IT WAS ONLY A MOMENT! THE PEOPLE ...WHERE DID THE AUDIENCE GO...?

THEY BECAME IMPATIENT, MY FRIEND! UNFORTUNATELY, THEY DID NOT BELIEVE! TO THEM I AM BUT A TRICKSTER AND YOU MY ASSISTANT!

THEY WERE SO MEAN... SO ABUSIVE! THEY SHOUTED AND SCREAMED BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD BEEN TRICKED! SIDDHARTHA SAID NOTHING... AND THEY LEFT!

IT IS *NOT* A TRICK, DARLING! THESE ARE *REAL!*

OH...

GAYA! TELL US... HE'S *GONE!*

BUT HE WAS JUST HERE! THERE'S *NO* PLACE HE COULD GO... UNLESS...

HE CAME TO SHOW US THE WAY!

BUT NOBODY LISTENED!

IT *IS* THERE, NANCY! I SAW IT! IT IS REAL!

I BELIEVE YOU, DARLING! I BELIEVE YOU!

MASS HYPNOSIS? LIGHTS AND MIRRORS? BELIEVE WHAT YOU WILL! BUT FOR ONE YOUNG COUPLE WHO HAD REACHED THE END OF THEIR ROPE IN A WORLD WITHOUT LOVE, THERE *WAS* A WAY!

THE TWILIGHT ZONE

The Day of the Palio

ARRIVING IN SIENA, ITALY, WAS A RETURN TO THE "OLD COUNTRY" FOR TONY MARCO, THE NUMBER ONE AMERICAN JOCKEY! BUT HE DIDN'T REALIZE WHAT WOULD BE RIDING FOR HIM ON THAT CITY'S FAMED ANNUAL HORSE RACE!

WELCOME, TONY! WELCOME-- AND *VICTORY* TO YOU!

THANKS, SIGNOR PINALDI! CLUE ME IN ON THIS RACE OF YOURS! WHAT'S SUCH A BIG DEAL ABOUT IT?

THE *PALIO* IS OUR FAMOUS HORSE RACE! IT HAS BEEN RUN ALMOST EVERY YEAR SINCE 1656!

TEN DISTRICTS OR "CONTRADE" RACE THREE TIMES AROUND THE PIAZZA DEL CAMPO! I CONVINCED THE MEN IN MY DISTRICT, THE SHELL, THAT WE SHOULD HIRE THE WORLD'S *BEST* JOCKEY--*YOU!*

IT'S TONY MARCO! JUST LIKE HE LOOKS ON THE SPORTS PAGES WHEN HE BRINGS HOME A WINNER!

AFTER A WARM WELCOME AND HEARTY FEAST AT SHELL HEADQUARTERS...

LOOK AT ALL THOSE CRAZY COSTUMES! IS THIS PALIO SOME SORT OF MEDIEVAL CELEBRATION?

YES, BUT I HAVE NEVER SEEN *SO* MANY COSTUMED PEOPLE HERE!

IT SURE LOOKS AUTHENTIC! I COULD SWEAR WE WERE BACK IN THE MIDDLE AGES!

THERE'S SOMETHING *STRANGE* GOING ON! I *KNOW* SIENA AT PALIO TIME! BUT I HAVE THE ODDEST FEELING...

DON'T HOKE IT UP FOR ME, SIGNOR PINALDI! I DON'T NEED ATMOSPHERE TO RUN A WINNING RACE!

SIGNORE, TELL ME ...WHAT IS THE *EXACT* DATE?

ANY FOOL KNOWS IT IS THE DAY BEFORE THE PALIO OF THE MADONNA DI PROVENZANO --JULY 1ST, 1672!

TONY IS SKEPTICAL, SIGNOR PINALDI DUMBFOUNDED, AS THEY CHECK OTHER NARROW STREETS...

SNAP OUT OF IT, PINALDI! SOMEBODY'S KIDDING US, THAT'S ALL!

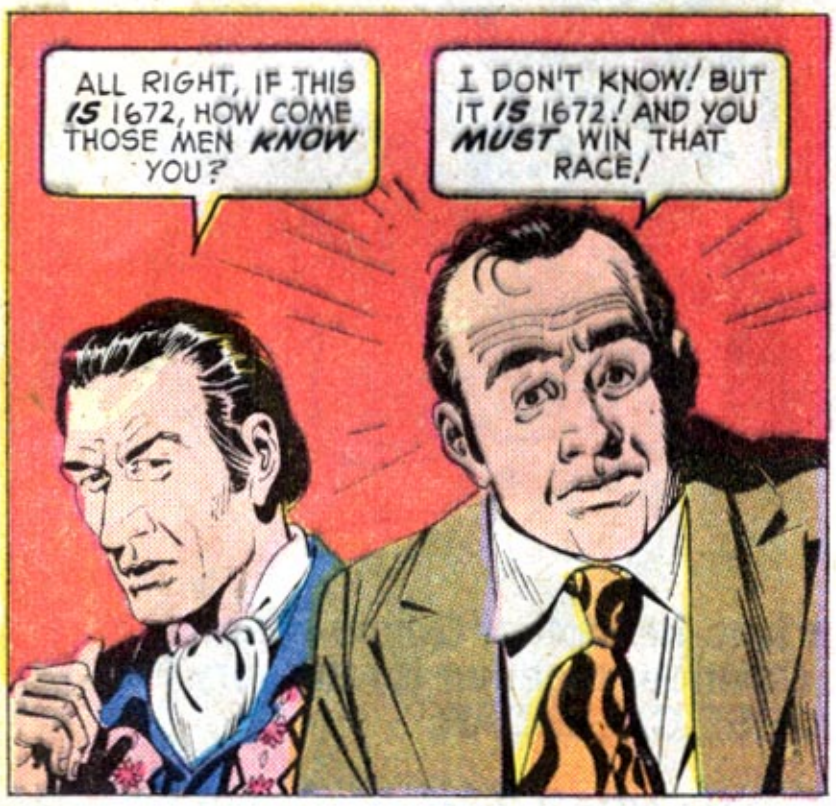
NO, MY FRIEND! THE SOLDIERS CARRY *REAL* PIKES! AND WHAT BECAME OF THE TV ANTENNAS?

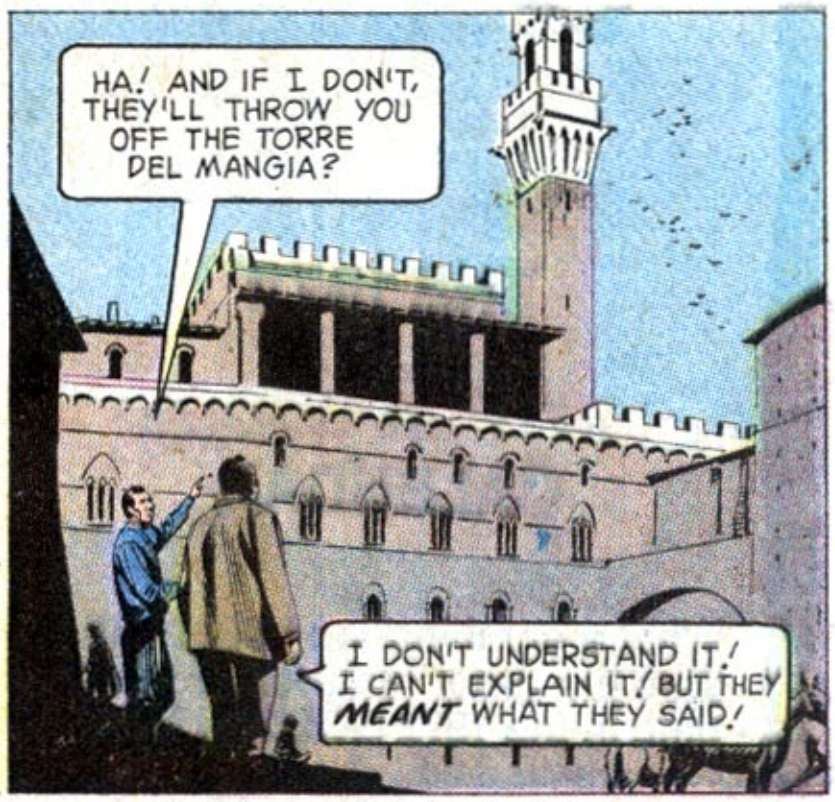
AH, HERE YOU ARE, LUIGI! REMEMBER, AS LEADERS OF THE SHELL, WE WARN YOU IF THE FOREIGN JOCKEY YOU HAD US HIRE DOES NOT WIN--

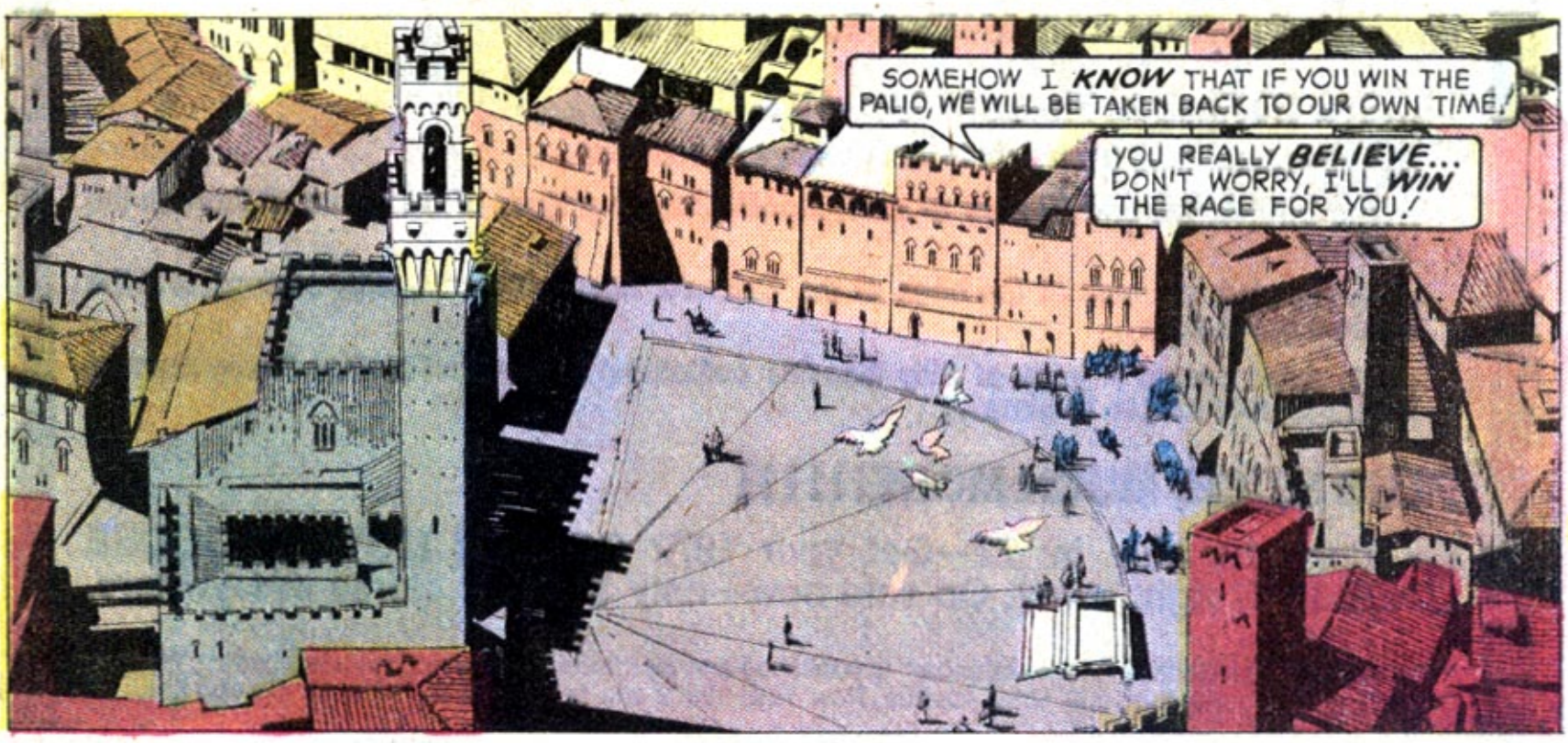
WE WILL THROW YOU OFF THE TORRE DEL MANGIA!

WHAT'S THE IDEA OF *THREATENING*...
WE HAVE ALL *BET HEAVILY!* LUIGI SAID IF WE WERE HIRING A JOCKEY, WE SHOULD HIRE THE BEST IN THE WORLD!

SURE, I'M THE BEST JOCKEY IN THE UNITED STATES! I'M THE ODDS ON FAVORITE TO BOOT HOME ANOTHER WINNER AT BELMONT TWO DAYS FROM NOW, BUT--
NEVER HEARD OF YOUR COUNTRY! UNIMPORTANT! YOU WIN... OR LUIGI DIES!


ALL RIGHT, IF THIS *IS* 1672, HOW COME THOSE MEN *KNOW* YOU?
I DON'T KNOW! BUT IT *IS* 1672! AND YOU *MUST* WIN THAT RACE!


HA! AND IF I DON'T, THEY'LL THROW YOU OFF THE TORRE DEL MANGIA?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT! I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT! BUT THEY *MEANT* WHAT THEY SAID!


SOMEHOW I *KNOW* THAT IF YOU WIN THE PALIO, WE WILL BE TAKEN BACK TO OUR OWN TIME!
YOU REALLY *BELIEVE*... DON'T WORRY, I'LL *WIN* THE RACE FOR YOU!

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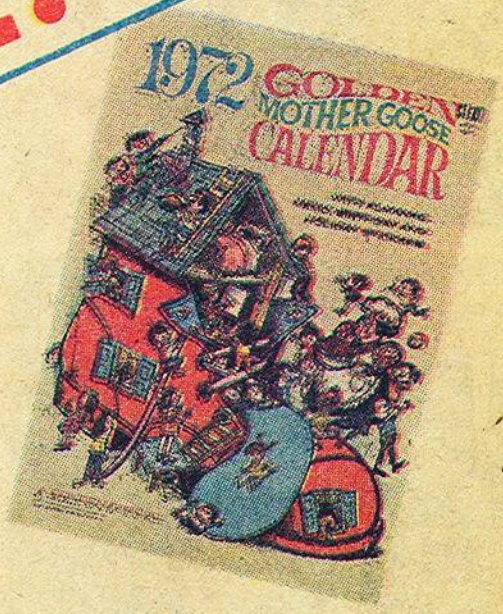

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THAT NIGHT A BEWILDERED TONY MARCO IS SINKING TO SLEEP WHEN SUDDENLY...

WHO...

SHH! I AM FROM THE UNICORN CONTRADA!

TWICE THIS MUCH GOLD IS YOURS... IF YOU MANAGE ***NOT*** TO WIN TOMORROW!

YOU'RE ***ALL*** NUTS! I OUGHT TO GO BACK HOME AND SKIP THE WHOLE RACE! GET OUT!

AS THE MAN SCURRIES OUT THE WINDOW...

WOW! THESE AREN'T ***MODERN*** COINS! THEY'RE ***MEDIEVAL!*** WHAT A FORTUNE THEY MUST BE WORTH!

WHERE COULD ANYONE ***GET*** ANCIENT COINS LIKE THESE, UNLESS... BUT THAT'S TOO RIDICULOUS EVEN TO THINK ABOUT!

NEXT DAY, TO THE CLANGING OF HUGE BELLS, THE PALIO PARADE MOVES THROUGH ANCIENT SIENA, AS ONE QUESTION IS ON ALL LIPS...

STILL THINK THE ***SHELL*** WILL WIN?

YES, THEIR RIDER COMES FROM A VERY DISTANT LAND, BUT THEY SAY HE ***IS*** THE GREATEST!

THE TEN RIDERS LINE UP AND THEN, AS THE MORTAR BOOMS THE START...

WOOOOM!

RIDE, TONY! RIDE, FOR MY LIFE DEPENDS ON IT!

WITH THE PRACTICED EASE OF A TRUE CHAMPION, TONY MARCO FORCES HIS WAY THROUGH THE THUNDERING CROWD OF HORSES...

TWO MORE CIRCLES AROUND THE CAMPO-- I'LL LEAD TILL THE LAST TURN!

EACH DISTRICT SHOUTS ENCOURAGING WORDS TO ITS RIDER, BUT THE SHELL'S JOCKEY KEEPS HIS LEAD TILL HIS FINAL APPROACH TO THE DANGEROUS SAN MARTINE TURN...

TWISTING THE REINS CLEVERLY, TONY FORCES HIS "BARBERO" TO SLIP...

THE SHELL IS *FALLING!*

IT'S NOT LIKE THROWING THE *DERBY*... AFTER ALL, IT'S ONLY A SMALL-TOWN RACE! AND THIS SPILL WILL MAKE ME *RICH!*

YOU LOST! YOU *LOST!*

CAN'T WIN THEM ALL! BAD BREAK ON THAT TURN!

WE HAVE LOST, TOO!

NOW, LUIGI, *YOU* WILL PAY FOR MISLEADING US WITH YOUR "GREATEST JOCKEY IN THE WORLD"!

HEY! LET HIM GO!

LUIGI PINALDI IS DRAGGED ALWAY BY FURIOUS HANDS, FORCED TO MOUNT THE STEPS OF THE TORRE DEL MANGIA, AND FROM ITS DIZZYING HEIGHTS...

THE NEXT DAY AT BELMONT, AS THE JOCKEYS WEIGH IN...

FUNNY, NOT A WORD FROM TONY! HE WASN'T ON THAT JET FROM ITALY LIKE HE SAID HE'D BE!

HE NEVER MISSED A RACE BEFORE! *WHERE* CAN TONY BE?

RACE
1
2
3

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GOT TO PRACTICE! GOT TO WIN THE NEXT PALIO! MAYBE THEN, I'LL GET BACK TO *MY* TIME!

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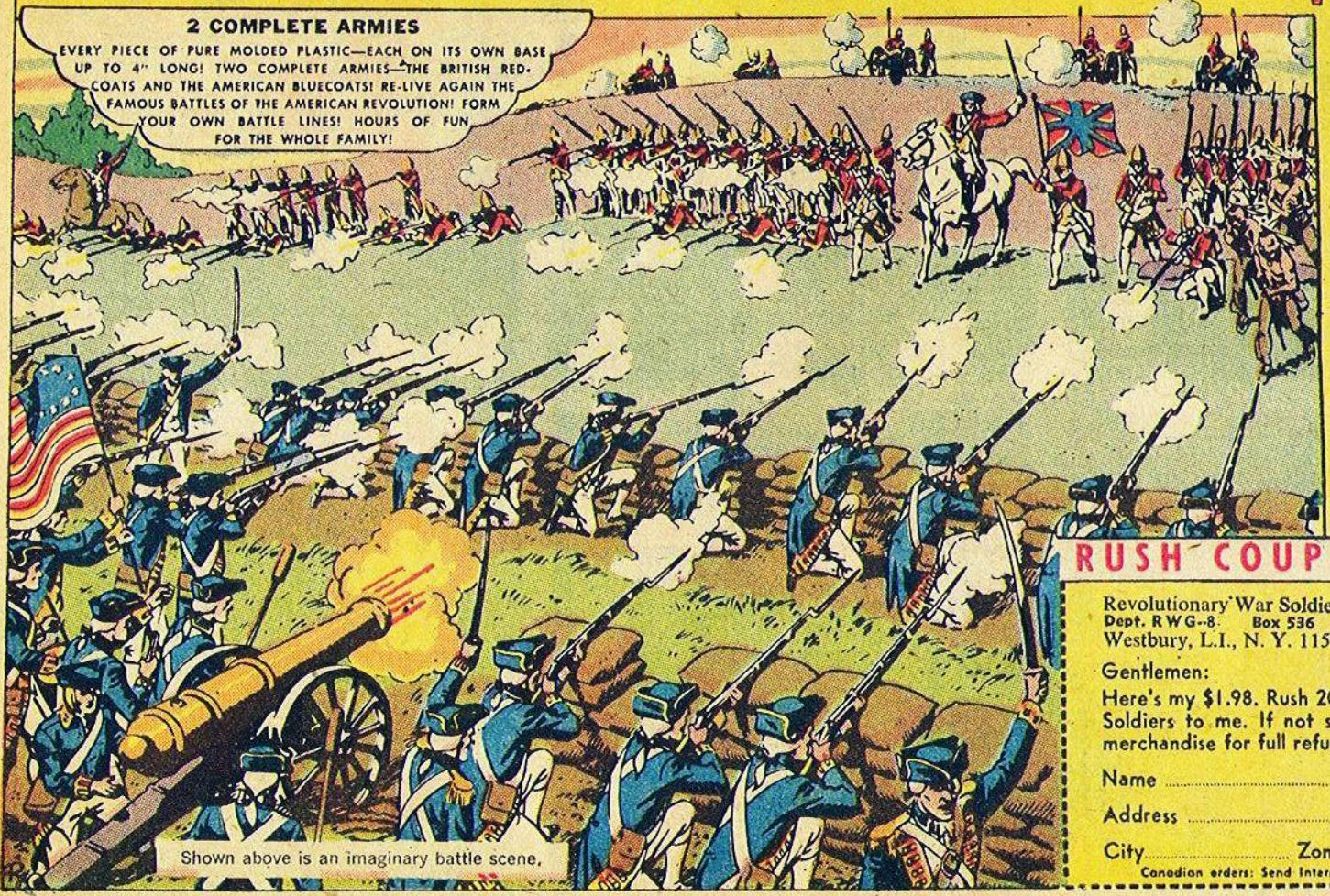

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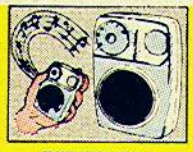

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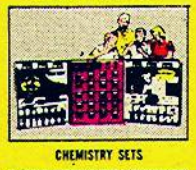

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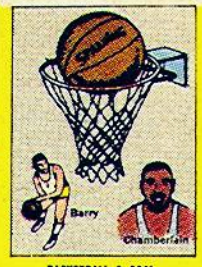

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